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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as shown:

Please delete the paragraph on page 11, lines 2-8, and replace it with the following paragraph:

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Figure 1 schematically shows a method for constructing the replication competent seV comprising a foreign gene, such as for GFP or β -glucuronidase. Using primer 1, which has a *NotI* site, and primer 2, which comprises, a transcription termination signal (R2), an intervening sequence (IG), a transcription initiation sequence (R1) and a *NotI* site, the ORF of a foreign gene is amplified by PCR